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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Ex parte PETER J. SIMS

Application No. 09/020,393

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

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This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on July 24, 2002. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

A "Petition to Review Restriction Requirement" was received on November 15, 1999. This paper has no paper number. Appropriate correction is required. In addition, the Reply Brief needs to be entered in the "CONTENTS" portion of the administrative file, as well as considered by the examiner.

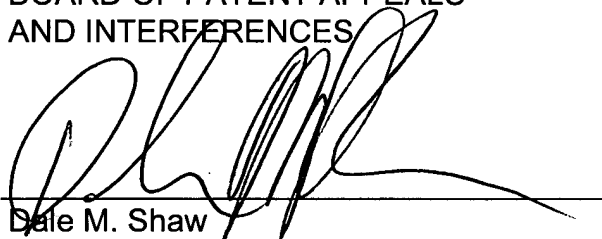
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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is remanded to the Examiner for assignment of a paper number, entry in the "CONTENTS" portion of the administrative file, consideration and proper response to the Reply Brief, and for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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